RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice. I have no information.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know who is responsible for making the selection ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Till last year it was the Sanitary Commissioner, but after the amalgamation of the Sanitary Department with the Public Health Department, the Deputy Director of Public Health is probably responsible for the selection.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether Government have given any directions to the Public Health Department ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : No special directions have been given.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether Government will give directions to the selecting authorities so that all communities may get a chance of admission ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is more or less the policy of Government and the selecting authorities know it. Therefore no special instructions are necessary.

Muslim graduate teachers in the Education Department.

34. ***MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a single Muslim graduate teacher in the Education Department ; and

(*b*) (i) the number of Muslim graduates who have applied for appointments as teachers in the Education Department during the last ten years ;

(ii) the number appointed ; and

(iii) if no appointment is made, the reason therefor ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Yes ; two.

(*b*) (i), (ii), & (iii). Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by collecting the information for ten years. It is reported that, since 1930, nine applications were received from Muslim graduates for appointment as teachers, and that none of these nine applicants was appointed for want of suitable vacancies and also because of the seniority list.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : In regard to the answer to part (*a*), may I know from the member whether, of the two hands that are now in the Education Department, one has been sent back from the college as a supernumerary ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : He was in the college. Owing to retrenchment he was sent back.

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MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether one of the hands was not a Tutor in the Science College?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): In regard to the answer to part (*b*), may I know from the member whether Muslim graduates who have passed the L. T. examination have also applied for posts?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Does the member mean among these nine applicants?

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Yes.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I do not think so.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that there are Muslim graduates who have also taken the L. T. Degree seeking admission to the department?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Neither the question nor the answer is audible.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Please speak louder.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): We have recently received applications from Muslim graduates who have passed L. T.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether there is any Muslim graduate L. T. in the Education Department at present?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member when the first application from a Muslim graduate L. T. was received by the Government for appointment in the Education Department?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I do not think I can give an accurate reply now. But I think in the last two months one or two such applications have been received.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether their claims will be considered favourably?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Their claims are being considered.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): From the fact that they have not been entertained till now, may I know from the member whether he is in a position to assure the House that the claims of Muslim L. T.'s will be considered favourably?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: If you will omit the first portion, I will allow the question.

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MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Yes, Sir, I will omit. May I know whether he will consider the claims of L. T. Muslim graduates seeking admission into the department?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): According to the Report of the Education Reforms Committee, further representation of Muslim graduates in the department will be considered.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the member whether a Muslim graduate with Urdu as second language applied for a post in the department?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*). The answer is 'yes'.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether he has been entertained in the department?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the reason for that?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): His application is under consideration.

Flood damage in Nedumangad taluk.

35. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the extent of loss the people of Nedumangad taluk suffered due to floods in the month of Edavam 1108 in the matter of the destruction of buildings, destruction of crops, etc.;

(*b*) whether the Government have done anything towards the relief of the agriculturists who have sustained serious loss and damages to their paddy fields and paddy cultivation;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the major portion of paddy fields in Nedumangad taluk has become unfit for cultivation due to recent floods; and

(*d*) whether the Government have taken any measures to ascertain the amount required to remove the silt, to restore the waterways to their orignal condition and thereby make the paddy fields fit for cultivation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) 310 buildings were damaged by the floods in Edavam 1108. In all the 16 *pakuthies* together, the crops on a total extent of 1,089 acres and 87·25 cents of paddy lands were damaged. The Tahsildar has estimated the loss at Rs. 13,890 under damage to buildings and Rs. 20,417 under destruction of crops.

(*b*) Yes. Statements for remission of the Kanni crop assessment on the damaged lands have been called for and are being prepared for necessary action. Particulars of damage caused by breaches of bunds and silting up of paddy lands are also being collected for necessary action. Immediate relief was rendered in the shape of money doles at the rate

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